



THE LYME ART ASSOCIATION
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NEWSLETTER

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Thursday evening, June 28th, at 7pm, there will be a second lecture demonstration in a series we are planning, one each month.

LOU BONAMARTE, nationally known watercolorist, will demonstrate his versatility with his favorite medium, watercolor. His amiable and entertaining manner promise an evening of fun and education for the collector as well as the professional artist. Lou is the recipient of many national awards for his excellence in handling the medium. Mark your calendar and plan to be at the gallery for this special event.

Also, this summer, we will be treated to another fine demo by the Yale trained artist, CHARLES GRUPPE. He is known for his broad handling of oil seascapes that have found homes around the world.

Sunday, June 10th, is the closing date for the present show. Please pick up and sign out your work at 4pm. Receiving for the following show, "89th ANNUAL SUMMER JURY SHOW", will be June 9th and 10th, noon to 4pm. As the artist is his or her own agent, be prepared to fill out the forms provided with your Connecticut sales tax number. As your own agent, you are required to collect and pay the tax, if applicable, to the Commissioner of Revenue Services. The Hanging Committee will commence at 10am, Monday morning, June 11.

Our President, WILLIAM BABCOCK, exhorts all to hang only our best work. The responsibility of owning and running this fine Gallery falls on all of us to lead in a community that expects the best from us. The reception is Saturday, June 16th at 3 to 5pm.

Because of the need of raising funds for the repair of our beautiful gallery, we are using volunteer desk sitters. Since the Lyme Art Association is no longer the agent for selling the artist's work, the sitter's main responsibility is to greet and answer questions. All artist members are required to sit five times this season. Come in and sign the calendar for the times most suitable for you. It is an enjoyable time to get acquainted with those of similar art interest and a real service to the Gallery that is greatly appreciated. We appeal to our Associate Members as well to join us in this service, if you can.

LORETTA KRUPINSKI'S LECTURE and slide discussion was an outstanding first success for those who attended.

Because of public interest, and our aim of education and public service in the arts, we have planned something new for our patrons and members. Our gallery is unique for the beautiful natural light that floods through large overhead skylights, light that is perfect for portrait painting. We have a number of fine professional portrait painters who would appreciate the opportunity of keeping their practice alive. The public would also like to see the professional at work. The gallery is large enough to accommodate the painting group with plenty of room for the observer to walk around. The Lyme Art Association will provide the model for up to two afternoons per week for member portrait painters to show their stuff. This will bring people into the gallery, provide willing sitters, and generate business. We will begin Tuesday, June 5th, from 1 to 4pm. Our members are invited to participate using the medium of their choice. For questions, call Tom Torrenti at 388-1939 anytime. If you prefer, you can leave a message on our answering machine, at the gallery, 434-7802.

Our last mailing generated 70 new Associate Members in the categories of Associate, Family, Contributing, Patron, and Benefactor. These donations boosted our funds. Some have volunteered to join the team of active service to the Association in the critical areas of sitters, hospitality, fund raising, house and grounds, and advisors. We will continue the drive for new Associate Members and ask the Artist Members to sign up at least five each. This will give us an excellent base for matching grant donations. A new brochure will be published in June showing our new Associate Members with Artists and a history of the Lyme Art Association.

FUND RAISING UPDATE: We have applied for mini grants up to \$1K each for the repainting of the inside galleries and maintenance of our art shows.

SUSIE HANNIFORD'S initiative of a sign request on the bulletin board has produced the gift of a new refrigerator. We are grateful for the much needed and generous donation. We now appeal to you for a stereo system for the gallery. Pleasing music will add greatly to the enjoyment of our shows.

OUR NEXT MONTHLY MEETING is Monday, June 4th, at 3pm at the gallery. Our Associate Members are invited. Come and get acquainted with us. We will discuss the business of the Association pertaining to activities, responsibilities, and new ideas.